## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

In Re: Application for Exemption from	)	
Electronic Public Access Fees by	)	General Order No. 2018-10
Jeffrey Gutman, Professor of Clinical Law,	)	
George Washington University Law School	)	

## ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request of Jeffrey Gutman, Professor of Clinical Law at George Washington University Law School, for a temporary exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts for the purposes of performing research.

The Court finds that Professor Gutman, as an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule appended to 28 U.S.C. §1914 as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Gutman has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

## ACCORDINGLY:

Professor Jeffrey Gutman shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via

PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in
the course of researching federal civil rights cases filed by individuals who appear on the
National Registry of Exonerations. Professor Gutman shall not be exempt from the payment of
fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court. Additionally, the
following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to Professor Jeffrey Gutman and is valid only for

the academic purposes stated above, and not for commercial purposes or internet

redistribution;

2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are

available through the PACER system;

3. By accepting this exemption, Professor Gutman and George Washington

University Law School agree not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of

receiving the exemption, and not transfer any data obtained as the result of the fee

exemption unless expressly authorized by the Court; and

4. Unless extended by further order, this exemption is valid until December 31,

2019.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. Any further

extension will be granted only upon a written request supported by an explanation of the limited

scope of the research for which it is sought, the progress to-date, and the anticipated date of its

conclusion.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the Administrative Office of the

United States Courts and to the PACER Service Center.

SO ORDERED.

ENTERED: June 28, 2018.

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann

Theresa L. Springmann, Chief Judge

**United States District Court** 

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